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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. 00N-1256: "FDA Regulation of OTC Drug Products Hearing"

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to inform you of my intent to offer oral comments at the June 28-29 meeting, "FDA Regulation of OTC Drug Products Hearing." I direct the Reproductive Health program at the Population Council, and I wish to testify that oral contraceptive should be sold over the counter. I hope also to make the point that the special use of certain oral contraceptives for emergency use would be greatly facilitated by OTC status, and that the case for OTC status is even stronger for specially packaged ECs than it is for oral contraceptives generally.

The Population Council is an NGO dedicated to improving reproductive health, and specifically to research on this topic.

I request five minutes during the hearing to elaborate on these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Beverly Winikoff'.
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